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An ACT for Vesting divers Lands and Hereditaments in the County of Oxford, devised by the Will of Nathaniel Bacon, Esquire, deceased, and the Codicil thereunto annexed, in Edward Bacon, Esquire, in Fee-simple; and for settling an Estate in the County of Norfolk, of greater Value, to the Uses limited by the same Will and Codicil.

Whereas *Nathaniel Bacon*, of *Finmere* in the County of *Oxford*, Esquire, made his last Will and Testament in Writing, bearing Date the Eleventh Day of *October* One thousand Seven hundred and Forty-two, and thereby gave and devised all that his Third Part of the Manor or Lordship of *Finmere* in the said County of *Oxford*, with the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, and of the Rectory or Advowson of the Parish-Church of *Finmere* aforesaid; and all that his Manor or Mansion-House in *Finmere*, wherein he then dwelt, with the Outhouses, Barns, Stables, Edifices, Buildings, Yards, Backsides, Orchards, Gardens, and Curtilage, thereunto belonging, and all other his Freehold Estate, Mesuages, Cottages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises whatsoever, situate, standing, lying, and being, within the Parish of *Finmere* aforesaid, unto his Brother *Edward Bacon*, for and during the Term of his natural Life, without Impeachment of or for any manner of Waite; and, immediately from and after his Decease, gave and devised all the same Premises unto such Son of his said Brother *Edward Bacon*, as should be his Second Son at the time of the Death of him the said *Edward Bacon*, and to the Heirs and Assigns of such Second Son of his said Brother for ever; but, in case it should happen, that his said Brother *Edward* should not have a Second Son living at the time of his Death, but only one Son, then he gave and devised all and singular the same Premises, with the Appurtenances, unto such one Son of his said Brother, and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever; and, in case it should happen, that his said Brother should die without leaving any Son living at his Death, then, and in that case, he did thereby enlarge his said Brother's Estate for Life in the Premises aforesaid; and did thereby give and devise all the same Premises to his said Brother *Edward*, and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever:

And whereas the said *Nathaniel Bacon*, by a Codicil to his said Will, bearing Date the Twenty-fifth Day of *November* One thousand Seven hundred and Forty-six, did revoke, and make void, all and every the Dispositions made by his said Will, touching or concerning his real Estate; and gave and devised the same unto, and to the Use of, *Thomas Burn*, of *Thames-street, London*, Fishmonger, and *Charles Rayner*, of the Town of *Harwich*, Cooper, and their Heirs, Upon Trust, during so long as *Margaret Best*, of *Harwich* aforesaid, Single-woman, and *Nathaniel Best* of the same Place, her Son, should jointly live, and he the said *Nathaniel* should be under the Age of Twenty-one Years, and unmarried, by, with, and out of, the Rents and Profits of such real Estate, to pay unto her the said *Margaret Best* the yearly Sum of Eighty Pounds, Tax-free, by quarterly Payments, as therein mentioned; and, upon further Trust, as soon as the said *Nathaniel* should attain his Age of Twenty-one Years, or marry, by Mortgage or Sale of such real Estate, or of a competent Part thereof, to raise the Sum of Two thousand Pounds, and dispose thereof as follows; that is to say, One thousand Pounds, Part thereof, unto her the said *Margaret Best*, and One thousand Pounds, Residue thereof, unto him the said *Nathaniel*; and, in case of his Deceas

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under the Age of Twenty-one Years, or without having married, that then the Sum of One thousand Pounds should be raised, as aforesaid, for her the said *Margaret Best*; and, in case she should happen to die before the said *Nathaniel* should attain his Age aforesaid, or marry, that then also the Sum of One thousand Pounds should be raised, as aforesaid, for such Uses, Intents, and Purposes, as the the said *Margaret Best*, whether sole or covert, should, by Writing under Hand, direct; and, in Default of such Direction, the same One thousand Pounds to go to her Executors or Administrators, as Part of her personal Estate; and, in the last-mentioned Case, and until the said *Nathaniel* should attain his Age aforesaid, marry, or depart this Life, out of such Rents and Profits, to raise the yearly Sum of Forty Pounds, Tax-free, and apply the same quarterly to his Maintenance; and also upon Trust to settle, as Counsel should advise, such of his said real Estate as should be unsold, and undisposed of, for the Purposes aforesaid, in such manner as the same was by him given and devised by his said Will, or as near thereunto as might be; and declared his Will to be, that in the mean time, and until such Settlement as aforesaid, such of the Rents, Issues, and Profits, of his said real Estate, as were not above disposed of, should go and belong to the Person or Persons who would be intitled to the same under such Settlement:

And whereas the said *Charles Rayner* is since dead, and the said *Thomas Burd* is the surviving Trustee named in the said Codicil, and the said *Edward Bacon* hath no Issue:

And whereas the said *Edward Bacon* is seised, in Fee-simple, of and in all that the Manor or Lordship of *Bowthorpe*, with the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, in the County of *Norfolk*, together with the Rectory Improper of *Bowthorpe*, and all Tythes, Oblations, Obventions, Rights, and Profits, thereunto belonging; and all and singular the Mesuages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which were late the Estate of *Edward Spelman*, of *High-house* in the said County of *Norfolk*, Esquire, in *Bowthorpe* aforesaid, *Colney*, and *Baber*, every or any of them, in the said County of *Norfolk*; and all those Closes and Parcels of Land, called the *Reed Marshes*, *New Marshes*, and *Child's Marshes*, in *Tunstall*, in the said County of *Norfolk*, late also the Estate of the said *Edward Spelman*; and all and singular the Rights, Royalties, Jurisdictions, Privileges, and Appurtenances, to the same Premises belonging, or in any-wise appertaining, and now in the several Tenures or Occupations of *John Baker* and *Samuel Philips*, their Under-tenants or Assigns:

And whereas the said Premises in the County of *Oxford*, devised as aforesaid, by the Will and Codicil of the said *Nathaniel Bacon*, are of the clear yearly Value of Three hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Seven-pence; and the said Manor, Rectory, Tythes, Mesuages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of him the said *Edward Bacon*, in the said County of *Norfolk*, are of the clear yearly Value of Three hundred and Fifty-one Pounds, and are of a greater Value, including the Third Part of the Advowson, than the said Estates in *Oxfordshire*, devised by the said Will and Codicil as aforesaid; and the same, being situate near his Place of Residence, are much more commodious and convenient for him, than the Premises so devised by the said Will and Codicil of the said *Nathaniel Bacon*; and the said *Edward Bacon* hath proposed to settle the said Manor, Rectory, Tythes, Mesuages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the said County of *Norfolk*, in lieu of the said Premises in the said County of *Oxford*, so devised by the said Will and Codicil of the said *Nathaniel Bacon*, deceased, to the several Uses and Limitations limited and declared thereof by the same Will and Codicil, upon Condition that the said One-third Part of the Manor and Advowson of, and the said Hereditaments and Premises in *Finmere* aforesaid, so devised as aforesaid, may be vested in him in Fee-simple, discharged of the several Uses, Trusts, and Limitations limited and declared thereof in and by the said Will and Codicil, or either of them; to which Proposal the said *Margaret Best*, for herself, and in behalf of the said *Nathaniel Best* her Son, an Infant, hath consented and agreed:

But although such Exchange so proposed will be a manifest Advantage to all Persons claiming under the said Will and Codicil; **Yet**, by reason of the Limitations contained therein, the same cannot be effected without the Aid of an **Act of Parliament**:

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Wherefore Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subject, the said *Edward Bacon*,

Doth most humbly beseech Your MAJESTY,

That it may be **Enacted**; **And be it Enacted**, by the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said One-third Part of the said Manor or Lordship of *Finmere*, in the said County of *Oxford*, with the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, thereto belonging, and of the Rectory or Advowson of the Parish Church of *Finmere* aforesaid, and all that the Manor or Mansion-house, Messuages, Cottages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises whatsoever, with their Appurtenances, in *Finmere* aforesaid, which were given and devised, or mentioned or intended to be given and devised, by the said Will and Codicil of the said *Nathaniel Bacon*, or either of them, unto the said *Thomas Burn*, and *Charles Rayner*, and their Heirs, upon the Trusts, and for the Purposes, in the same Will and Codicil, or either of them, mentioned, with their and every of their Rights, Members, and Appurtenances; and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues, and Profits of the same Third Part of the aforesaid Manor and Advowson, and all and singular other the Premises, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; shall, from and after the First Day of *May* One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-two, be vested in, and settled upon, the said *Edward Bacon*, his Heirs and Assigns; and the same are hereby, from thenceforth, vested in, and settled upon, the said *Edward Bacon*, his Heirs and Assigns, to the Use of the said *Edward Bacon*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever; freed and discharged, and absolutely acquitted, exempted, and exonerated, of, from, and against, all and every the Uses, Trusts, Estates, Powers, Provisoes, and Limitations, in and by the said recited Will and Codicil of the said *Nathaniel Bacon*, or in and by either of them, limited, created, provided, and declared, of and concerning the same.

And it is hereby further **Enacted**, by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Manor, Rectory, Tythes, Messuages, Farms, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Premises, of him the said *Edward Bacon*, in *Bowthorpe*, *Colney*, *Baber*, and *Tunstall*, or any or either of them, in the said County of *Norfolk*, herein before-mentioned to have been late the Estate of the said *Edward Spelman*, and to be now in the several Tenures or Occupations of *John Baker* and *Samuel Philips*, their Under-tenants or Assigns, with their and every of their Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, from and after the First Day of *May* One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty-two, shall be vested in, and settled upon, the said *Thomas Burn*, and his Heirs; and the same are hereby, from thenceforth, vested in, and settled upon, the said *Thomas Burn*, and his Heirs; in Trust nevertheless, and subject to all and every the Uses, Trusts, Powers, Provisoes, Conditions, and Limitations, in and by the said Will and Codicil of the said *Nathaniel Bacon*, or in and by either of them, limited, created, provided, and declared, of and concerning the said One-third Part of the said Manor and Advowson, and other the said Premises in the said County of *Oxford*.

Having always to the KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, his Heirs and Successors, and all and every other Person and Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, his, her, and their respective Heirs, Successors, Executors, and Administrators (Other than and except the said *Edward Bacon*, and such Son of him the said *Edward Bacon*, as shall be his second or his only Son at the time of his Death, and the Heirs and Assigns of the said *Edward Bacon*, and of his second or only Son, respectively; and other than and except the said *Margaret Best*, and *Nathaniel Best*, respectively, and their respective Executors and Administrators; and also the said *Thomas Burn*, and his Heirs), All such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claims, and Demands, of, in, to, and out of the Premises vested by this Act, or any Part thereof, as they, every or any of them, had before the passing this Act, or could or might have had or enjoyed, in case this Act had not been made.

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